

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 – 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (original): A diagnostic PCR kit for HBV rtA181V or rtA181T comprising primers capable of specifically amplifying an HBV rt sequence containing rtA181V or rtA181T.

Claims 26 - 50 (canceled)

Request for a Telephonic Interview

If the Examiner deems it useful, Applicants request, at the Examiner's convenience, a telephonic interview with William Schmonsees at (650) 522-5525 for the purpose of expediting the allowance of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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